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**Comment Deadlines Set for *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*  
on Next Generation Broadcast Television Transmission Standard**

**GN Docket No. 16-142**

**Comment Deadline: May 9, 2017**  
**Reply Comment Deadline: June 8, 2017**

On February 23, 2017, the Commission released a *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM)* in GN Docket No. 16-142 seeking comment on its proposal to authorize television broadcasters to use the “Next Generation” broadcast television transmission standard associated with recent work of the Advanced Television Systems Committee (ATSC 3.0) on a voluntary, market-driven basis, while they continue to deliver current-generation digital television broadcast service (ATSC 1.0) to their viewers.<sup>1</sup> The Commission set deadlines for filing comments and reply comments at 60 and 90 days, respectively, after publication of the *NPRM* in the Federal Register. A summary of the *NPRM* was published in the Federal Register on March 10, 2017.<sup>2</sup> Thus, comments must be submitted no later than May 9, 2017. Reply comments must be submitted no later than June 8, 2017. Commenters should follow the filing instructions provided in paragraph 82 of the *NPRM*.<sup>3</sup> The *NPRM* is also available on the Commission’s website.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *Authorizing Permissive Use of the “Next Generation” Broadcast Television Standard*, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, GN Docket No. 16-142, FCC 17-13 (rel. Feb. 23, 2017) (*Next Gen TV NPRM*).

<sup>2</sup> *Authorizing Permissive Use of the Next Generation Broadcast Television Standard*, 82 Fed. Reg. 13285 (March 10, 2017), <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-03-10/pdf/2017-04713.pdf>.

<sup>3</sup> *Next Gen TV NPRM* at para. 82.

<sup>4</sup> See [http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily\\_Releases/Daily\\_Business/2017/db0224/FCC-17-13A1.pdf](http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2017/db0224/FCC-17-13A1.pdf).